

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claim 1. (Currently Amended)

A method for purchasing goods or services from a seller by a buyer, the method being implemented in a network having a central computer system and at least one terminal, comprising:

- (a) receiving, at said central computer system, a request from a buyer, using said at least one terminal, for requesting goods or services, said request including with a predetermined plurality of criteria related to the goods or services and a predetermined criteria related to sellers of the goods or services;
- (b) selecting, by said central computer system, at least two sellers from a predetermined group of at least two sellers [[of]] that offer the requested goods or services by excluding sellers from said predetermined group of sellers that do not meet based on the received predetermined plurality of criteria related to the goods and services and related to the sellers, and ranking said selected sellers based on the time that the respective sellers received a last request before said request from said buyer;
- (c) transmitting, using said network, the request of the buyer including said received predetermined plurality of criteria related to said goods or services to the selected at least two sellers of the goods or services;
- (d) receiving, by said central computer system, within a predetermined time interval, responses from the at least two sellers one seller to the request;
- (e) compiling, by said central computer, information provided in the responses received from at least one seller within the predetermined time interval;

(f) ranking, by said central computer, the responding sellers based upon a weighted evaluation of the compiled information including the plurality of criteria and selecting sellers with the relatively in order from highest ranking; and

(g) providing, to said at least one terminal, the compiled responses of the ranked selected sellers and respective responses for access by the buyer.

Claim 2. (Canceled)

Claim 3. (Currently Amended)

The method of claim 2 claim 1, wherein said central computer system includes a database containing information for a plurality of sellers including a critical evaluation of each said seller, wherein in (b), selecting is performed by a central computer by excluding sellers, from said predetermined group of sellers, that have a critical evaluation below a predetermined value.

Claim 4. (Currently Amended)

The method of claim 1-3, wherein in (e), transmitting is done by an internet system, further comprising,

(h) the buyer, using said terminal, accepting a response provided among the ranked selected sellers through communication with the seller corresponding to the accepted response; and

(i) transmitting, using said network, the responses that were provided for access by the buyer to each of the ranked selected sellers.

Claim 5. (Currently Amended)

The method of ~~claim 4~~ claim 1, wherein in (d), responses are obtained from seller information stored in receiving is done by the central computer.

Claim 6. (Canceled)

Claim 7. (Currently Amended)

The method of ~~claim 6~~ claim 1, wherein in (g), accessing by the buyer is performed by an internet connection.

Claim 8. (Original)

The method of claim 7, wherein the goods are selected from the group consisting of vehicles, computers, or appliances and the services are selected from the groups consisting of legal, financing, medical, or insurance.

Claim 9. (Original)

The method according to claim 8, wherein the goods are vehicles.

Claim 10. (Currently Amended)

A system for obtaining information for the purchasing of goods or services, the system being implemented as a network connecting buyers and sellers, the system comprising:

input means for a user terminal providing an interactive form interface for inputting receiving a request for desired goods or services from a buyer, the request including form presenting predetermined criteria related to the goods or services and predetermined criteria related to sellers of the goods or services, and transmitting to a central computer system the criteria related to the goods and services and the criteria related to sellers of the goods or services that is input in the form;

selection means for the central computer system selecting at least two providers sellers from a predetermined group of providers sellers that offer the requested of the goods or services based on the predetermined inputted criteria related to sellers of the goods or services, ranking the selected sellers based on pre-stored criteria related to sellers, and choosing a predetermined number or less of selected sellers in ranked order;

transmission means for said network transmitting the request, including inputted criteria related to said goods or services, of the buyer to the selected chosen predetermined number of sellers providers;

reception means for said central computer system receiving, within a predetermined time interval, responses from the selected responding providers sellers;

computation means for said central computer system compiling information provided in the response received within the predetermined time interval, and for ranking the sellers based upon a weighted evaluation of the compiled information, and for selecting sellers with the relatively in order of highest ranking; and

output means for said central computer system providing the compiled responses of the ranked selected sellers and respective responses in a report format for access by the buyer using the user terminal.

Claim 11. (Currently Amended)

The system according to claim 10, wherein the input means user terminal is a computer.

Claim 12. (Currently Amended)

The system according to claim 10-11, wherein the selection means is a central computer, wherein said central computer system includes a database for a plurality of sellers and a critical evaluation of each said seller, wherein in selecting sellers from the predetermined group of sellers is performed by excluding sellers that have a critical evaluation below a predetermined value.

Claim 13. (Currently Amended)

The system according to claim 10, further comprising, said user terminal accepting a response provided among the ranked selected sellers through communication with the seller corresponding to the accepted response; and said network transmitting the responses that were provided for access by the buyer to each of the ranked selected sellers.

Claim 14. (Currently Amended)

The system according to claim 13, wherein the reception means includes a central computer obtains a response for a seller from information previously provided by the seller that is stored in the central computer.

Claim 15. (Canceled)

Claim 16. (Currently Amended)

The system according to claim 10, wherein said central computer system provides the compiled responses of the ranked selected sellers and respective responses to said user terminal using an internet connection.

Claim 17. (Currently Amended)

The system of claim ~~16~~ 10, wherein the goods are selected from the group consisting of vehicles, computers, or appliances.

Claim 18. (Original)

The system according to claim 17, wherein the goods are vehicles.

Claim 19. (Currently Amended)

A system for obtaining information from providers for the purchasing of automobiles by prospective buyers comprising:

input means, including a computer, for receiving a request for a desired automobile from a prospective buyer, the request including plurality of predetermined criteria related to the automobile and a plurality of predetermined criteria related to providers of automobiles;

selection means, including a central computer system, for selecting at least two providers from a predetermined group of providers of the automobile by excluding providers from said

predetermined group of providers that do not meet based on the plurality of predetermined criteria related to the automobile and the plurality of predetermined criteria related to the providers, and ranking said selected at least two providers based on the time that the respective providers received a last request before said request from said prospective buyer;

~~transmission means, including an internet connection, for transmitting the request for of the prospective buyer including said received predetermined criteria related to said automobile to the selected at least two providers;~~

~~reception means, including the central computer system, for receiving, within a predetermined time interval, responses from the selected providers;~~

~~computation means, including the central computer system, for compiling information provided in the response received within the predetermined time interval for ranking the providers based upon a weighted evaluation of the compiled information including the plurality of criteria, and for selecting providers with the relatively in order from highest ranking; and output means, including an internet connection, for providing the compiled responses of the ranked selected providers and respective responses for access by the prospective buyer using said computer.~~

Claim 20. (Original)

The system of claim 19, wherein the automobile is a previously owned automobile.